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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2002, setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for a reply ending on March 11, 2003, Applicants submit the following responsive amendment and remarks in the above-identified application. This response is considered to place the application in better condition for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 6 and 15 without prejudice.

Please replace Claims 1, 4-5, 10, and 13-14 with the clean version of amended Claims 1, 4-5, 10, and 13-14 attached hereto. Please see the marked-up version of the amended claims attached hereto to aid the Examiner in identification of changes.